CLAIMS

1.   (previously presented) A project docket management apparatus comprising:

a control structure including a processor configured to execute a control program and communicate with a user;

a memory coupled to the processor and configured to store a plurality of records associated with a project, and a plurality of records storing attributes including access levels associated with a plurality of users;

an authorization structure coupled to the processor and configured to selectively allow the users to log into the control structure and access the records to selectively add, modify and read project records depending on the users' access levels, the authorization structure including administrative access control that allows selectively granting access levels to users; and

a communication structure coupled to the processor including a notification structure configured to periodically distribute information to users based on predefined criteria including dates or activities.

2.   (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein:

the authorization structure provides the ability for a user with an administrative access level to add and ,edit, modify and delete users and their respective attributes including access levels.

3.   (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein:

the notification structure is configured to notify a predetermined group of users in advance of a predetermined deadline based at least in part on the users' attributes.

4.   (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:

an approval structure coupled to the processor and configured to receive an approval from a client user regarding a predetermined task, and to notify appropriate users to perform the predetermined task.

5.   (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein:

the memory is configured to store documents along with attributes including a date stamp; and

the communication structure is configured to electronically publish a document on the Internet and display the date stamp attribute associated therewith.

6. (previously presented) A project docket management apparatus comprising:

a control structure including a processor configured to execute a control program and communicate with a user;

a memory coupled to the processor and configured to store a plurality of records associated with a project, and a plurality of records storing attributes including access levels associated with a plurality of users;

an authorization structure coupled to the processor and configured to selectively allow the users to log into the control structure and access the records to selectively add, modify and read project records depending on the users' access levels; and

a communication structure coupled to the processor including a notification structure configured to periodically distribute information to users based on predefined criteria including dates;

wherein the communication structure includes an electronic filing structure configured to electronically file a document with another computer system; and

wherein the memory is configured to store attributes of the document including a date stamp.

7. (original) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein:

the communication structure is configured to decode electronic communications to determine dates relevant to the communication; and

the control structure is configured to docket the dates.

8. (original) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein:

the notification structure is configured to notify a predetermined group of users in advance of a predetermined deadline based at least in part on the users' attributes.

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9.   (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 7, further comprising:

an approval structure coupled to the processor and configured to receive an approval from a client user regarding a predetermined task, and to notify appropriate users to perform the predetermined task.

10.   (original) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein:

the notification structure is configured to notify a predetermined group of users in advance of a predetermined deadline based at least in part on the users' attributes.

11.   (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein:

the control structure is configured to synchronize records with a remote computer by flagging downloaded records sent to the remote computer, and at a later time, comparing any uploaded records received from the remote computer, and reconciling the records.

12.   (original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein:

the notification structure is configured to notify a predetermined group of users in advance of a predetermined deadline based at least in part on the users' attributes.

13.   (original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:

a contract administrator structure configured to store agreed upon contract terms and an agreed upon a payment plan and deliverable plan between a buyer of a predetermined service and a seller of a predetermined service;

an escrow structure configured to record a deposit representing an amount of money in an escrow account, according to the agreed upon payment plan; and

wherein the escrow structure is configured to record a deliverable representing the seller performing the predetermined service, and when the deliverable is delivered to and approved by the buyer, to transfer from the escrow account the amount of money equal to the agreed upon payment plan.

14.   (original) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein:

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the communication structure is configured to decode electronic communications to determine dates relevant to the communication; and

the control structure is configured to docket the dates.

15.   (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein:

the notification structure is configured to notify a predetermined group of users in advance of predetermined deadlines.

16.   (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 14, further comprising:

an approval structure coupled to the processor and configured to receive an approval from a client user regarding a predetermined task, and to notify appropriate users to perform the predetermined task.

17.   (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein:

the notification structure is configured to notify a predetermined group of users in advance of predetermined deadlines.

18-25. (canceled)

26.   (new) A project docket management apparatus comprising:

a server structure including a processor configured to execute a control program and communicate with a user;

a memory coupled to the processor and configured to store a plurality of records associated with a project, and a plurality of records storing attributes including access levels associated with a plurality of users;

an authorization structure coupled to the processor and configured to selectively allow the users to log into the server structure and access the records to selectively add, modify and read project records depending on the users' access levels, the authorization structure including administrative access control that allows selectively granting access levels to users; and

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a communication structure coupled to the processor including a notification structure configured to periodically distribute information to users based on predefined criteria including dates or activities.

27.   (new) The apparatus of claim 26, wherein:

the authorization structure provides the ability for a user with an administrative access level to add and modify users and their respective attributes including access levels.

28.   (new) The apparatus of claim 26, wherein:

the notification structure is configured to notify a predetermined group of users in advance of a predetermined deadline based at least in part on the users' attributes.

29.   (new) The apparatus of claim 26, further comprising:

an approval structure coupled to the processor and configured to receive an approval from a client user regarding a predetermined task, and to notify appropriate users to perform the predetermined task.

30.   (new) The apparatus of claim 26, wherein:

the memory is configured to store documents along with attributes including a date stamp; and

the communication structure is configured to electronically publish a document on the Internet and display the date stamp attribute associated therewith.

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